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Title : Regarding selection for the post of UN Secretary-General.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY : Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the fact that the people of the world are going to witness a significant global front in recent months whereby the General Secretary of the United Nations will be selected. India has been pitching hard for its own nominee, Shahsi Tharoor, for this post. We are well aware that after U Thant of Myanmar, no Asian has been represented in the United Nations.

India is such a country which has taught the world one mantra, 'live and let live'. The great Mahatma has preached the world that there is a weapon which is called non-violence. It was invented to fight the tyrant which had at that time inspired the liberation movement throughout the world.

Already the selection process has been gathering steam. It has been informed that the informal note, that is Straw Poll, Shashi Tharoor has been ranked second. The selection process will continue till October. We will urge upon the United Nations Security Council Members, which include 15 Members, to select our nominee Shashi Tharoor as the Secretary General of the United Nations. In this regard I would also urge upon the House to pass a Resolution and convey it to the members-countries so that they push their buttons in favour of encourage for Shashi Tharoor.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Chandrappan, you have given notice to raise three issues but you are entitled to raise only one.